EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SERVE DC – THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

AmeriCorps*State Planning Grants

NOTICE: ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS IS **REQUIRED** IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010 AND WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010 (CONFERENCE CALL) FROM 2:30 TO 4:30 P.M. IF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE DOES NOT RELEASE THEIR AMENDMENT NOFO BY OCTOBER 5, 2010, SERVE DC – THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MOVE THE OCTOBER 7, 2010 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSION TO OCTOBER 14, 2010. THOSE WHO SIGN UP FOR THE OCTOBER 7, 2010 SESSION WILL BE CONTACTED ABOUT THE CHANGE. PLEASE SEE THE REMAINDER OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Summary: Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism announces the availability of AmeriCorps*State Planning grant funding for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 to eligible organizations. Subject to the availability of appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY2011), $500,000 will be made available through Serve DC and the Corporation for National Community Service (Corporation) for AmeriCorps State and National Planning grants. Applicants may apply for up to a maximum of $50,000.

Following Serve DC's initial review of all applications, a decision will be made as to which programs Serve DC will recommend to the Corporation for Competitive funding consideration. The remaining applications – and those not selected by the Corporation for Competitive funding – will be considered for Formula funds. Serve DC reserves the right to reject applicants from both the Competitive process and from consideration for Formula funding. If rejected, applicants will not be able to apply for AmeriCorps funding from Serve DC for one calendar year. Serve DC anticipates notifying Competitive awardees by mid-February 2010. Applicants considered for Formula funding will follow the Formula application timeline.

AmeriCorps is a national service network that provides full- and less than full-time opportunities for participants, called members, to serve their communities and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to meet local environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, or other human needs. Within these five issue areas, programs may submit proposals that address specific problems of local communities.

In 2010, the Corporation awarded approximately 80 percent of its AmeriCorps State and National competitive funds to organizations meeting needs in the five priority areas identified in the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act (**Education, Healthy Futures, Clean Energy/Environment, Veterans, and Opportunity**).

In 2011, Serve DC expects the Corporation to award a similar percentage of available funding to programs working in the focus areas of **Education, Healthy Futures, Clean Energy/Environment, Veterans, Opportunity**, **and Disaster Services.**

Match Requirement: All program costs require at least a 24% cash or in-kind match during their planning grant year.

Criteria for Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are local nonprofit organizations and/or state and local units of government. Programs applying to Serve DC for funding *must* operate their program only within the District of Columbia. Organizations that have been convicted of a Federal crime are disqualified from receiving funds. An organization described in Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. **Individuals are not eligible to apply.**

AmeriCorps State and National Planning Grant applicants must not have previously received an AmeriCorps State or National Grant before. Applicants may have received funding through Lean and Serve America, AmeriCorps*NCCC, Senior Corps, or VISTA.

All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the application guidelines and instructions. The application guidelines and instructions will be available early October 2010 on Serve DC's website at www.serve.dc.gov or in person at Serve DC's office noted below. **The deadline for submission is October 22, 2010, by 5:00 pm.** Applications must be entered in to the CNCS eGrants online system and all required hard-copy documents must be submitted to Serve DC. Late applications will not be accepted. An application is considered late at 5:01 p.m.

Additionally, applicants are **required** to attend one of the following technical assistance sessions: October 7, 2010, from 5:30-7:30pm in the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101 (if the Corporation fails to release their NOFA by October 5, 2010, Serve DC reserves the right to change this technical assistance session to October 14, 2010) in the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101; October 20, 2010 from 2:30-4:30pm (conference call). Conference call information will only be available to those who RSVP.

For additional information or to RSVP for one of the technical assistance sessions, please contact by telephone or email:

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